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Amendments to the Specification

On Page 1, above line 1, please amend the following paragraphs:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application No. 100 01 800.9 filed January 18, 2000. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §~~120~~ 371 of PCT/DE01/00089 filed January 11, 2001. The International Application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.